

# THE HOME, ITS PROBLEMS AND INTERESTS

## Sleeve Styles in Vogue.

So far removed are we from that day when everybody wore a plain, tight sleeve, or a voluminous full sleeve, as the case might be, that now the fashionable woman has to think long and hard before she can decide as to the shape and style of her sleeve.

There are as many different styles approved by fashion as the most capricious woman could wish. She may have two dozen frocks with a different style in each, and yet all of the latest mode.

For evening wear there is a dainty sleeve of three-quarter length, to be worn with or without lace mittens or undersleeves. A lace epaulet finishes it at the top, and under it the chiffon gauze or silk muslin falls very closely but flatly plaited, the ends falling in two handkerchief points.

### Crinoline Required.

Many of the sleeves that jut out above the wrist are supported by stiff crinoline, so that they may not droop forward. As an instance, take the jelly bag shape, with very full puff, which is stiffened with a crinoline lining and plaited into a silk cuff with rows of facet embroidery. Black velvet ribbon is threaded in and out of the fullest part.

In another style, half-way down from the shoulder, the plaits are allowed to fall free, and form an immensely wide puff, which is actually wired so that it may be kept in position. It is gathered into a mousquetaire cuff.

The long sleeve for evening is still available for those who are conscious of unsatisfactory color or shape in their arms, but it is not imperative. A pretty way of making the sleeve full length is to lay it in horizontal pleats or folds from shoulder to elbow, whence let it fall in a long plisse ruffle spreading out over the upper hand and falling far below the arm.

### For Elbow Sleeves.

Dainty short sleeves turn back from the elbow in a cirelet of petal-shaped frills precisely like the corolla of a flower.

Still another sleeve is closely shirred as far down as the elbow, below which a series of overlapping square tabs form the lower part.

Very pretty sleeves can be made with lace with a pointed edge. Six of the points meet each other on the middle of the arm, each couple fastened together with a diamond button. Sufficient lace is allowed to form a sort of cradle for the back of the arm and the elbow. This can be done with about a yard and a quarter of lace, some twelve inches wide.

## How to Spoil Your Looks.

"I look perfectly shriveled," a girl said the other day.

There was a bitter northeast blowing down F. Street, and she was one of those girls who like nothing better than to stay at home all day, loitering in armchair and reading a novel.

And the result? Well, she was quite right—she did look "perfectly shriveled" as soon as a cold wind began to blow.

If she had made it a habit to go for a good brisk walk every day, and devoted ten minutes night and morning in practicing deep-breathing exercises, and lived in rooms with the windows open, that shriveled look would soon have disappeared, for these things combined would have made her blood circulate far more freely, and the pinched look would soon have departed from the skin. Air cleanses and freshens the skin, and exercise causes perspiration and cleanses the pores.

### To Improve the Circulation.

Deep breathing exercises are simplicity itself, but they must be done in loose clothing. They consist in drawing while the lips are closed, the very deepest breaths possible, right from the pit of the stomach, and then very gently expelling the breath through the nose. Ten minutes night and morning should be devoted to them.

Many girls spoil their appearance by wearing clothes that do not suit them. If you want to find out whether or not a particular shade suits you, stand in front of a glass in a good light and hold the color against your hair, near your face. If it makes your skin look dull and faded that will be answer enough. Sometimes, however, a color that if put close to the face is extremely unbecoming will look charming if a little lace is used at the neck to break the hard effect.

One would fancy that to everyone wrinkles would come quite quickly enough without their setting to work to manufacture them.

But in spite of this many people wrinkle the forehead every time they speak, and gradually make permanent lines that even the most clever massage cannot eradicate.

### Cracked Lips.

Cracked lips are unsightly. These are often caused by indigestion; sometimes by eating too many sweets. Cold cream, applied after washing the face at night, and left on till the morning, will soften them for the time being; but as in the first place they are nearly always due to ill-health and wrong dieting, it is well to attend to these points.

## Eulogy at Wife's Grave.

Standing at the head of the grave that was ready to receive the body of his wife, Attorney John R. Von Seggern, ex-State senator, delivered a most touching tribute Tuesday morning to the helpmate who had passed so many years at his side. No minister was present, and no sermon for the dead was preached. But there could have been nothing more beautiful or touching than the eulogy of the bereaved husband offered over the coffin of the mother of his children, as it was lowered into its last resting place in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Von Seggern died several weeks ago, and the body has remained in a vault. At 10 o'clock in the morning Mr. Von Seggern, his son Harry and wife, William Marqua and wife, Mr. and Mrs. L. Otto, Mrs. Walters, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Capelle, and Mrs. Von Seggern, a sister-in-law, assembled at the cemetery to perform the last rites. Mr. Von Seggern took his place at the head of the casket and spoke for upward of an hour, telling of the past.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

## FOUR OF OUR ALASKAN SISTERS IN WINTER DRESS



Fashionable Belles of the Far North Land.

## A Gentle Voice an Excellent Thing.

Nowadays self-advertisement seems to rule voice production, and women, even ladies, have a painful way of ostensibly speaking to one person, but really seeking to interest everybody within earshot, whether known to them or otherwise. The result is that a voice "soft, gentle and low" is rarely heard, and it is a pity, indeed, for a sweet voice is one of woman's greatest charms and an abiding one, which she may still retain when her beauty of face and figure have long been forgotten.

No matter what other attractions she may have of beauty, of dazzling wit or equally dazzling wealth, a woman can never be really fascinating if she lack a pleasant voice. Just think how often you hear people say, "I was charmed with So-and-so till she opened her lips!" Then the spell of physical attraction was utterly destroyed, for the vulgarity of the voice at once betrayed the vulgarity of the nature. On the other hand one sometimes, though rarely, falls under the spell of a beautiful voice, and though at the moment that voice may be uttering the merest commonplaces, sometimes makes one long to know its owner. Very likely she may not have the least pretension to beauty; but no matter what her position in life may be one may be quite sure that she possesses real refinement.

## Handy Kitchen Wrinkles.

A damp pantry and warm cupboard are both bad places in which to keep bread.

To clean fruit, roll in flour, and then pick off all large stalks. If currants are washed, they must be dried before being added to cakes.

A strip of carpet glued to a piece of wood will remove mud from shoes quickly and without the slightest injury to leather, and is far better than the usual brush.

When pouring hot fruit into a glass dish, place the latter on a wet cloth. This prevents any chance of the glass cracking, which would otherwise be very likely to happen.

To prevent thread from knotting always thread your needle at the end of the cotton as you undo it from the reel, and make the knot at the end that is cut off. If this is done, your thread will never knot.

When bottling pickles or ketchup it is a good plan to boil the corks, and while hot press them tightly into the bottles, so that when they are cold they are tightly sealed.

Before cleaning out a fireplace sprinkle a good handful of tea leaves among the ashes. This makes the ashes lift more easily, and prevents the dust from flying about the room.

When cleaning a new or rough stove, if it is first rubbed over with a cloth dipped in vinegar and water, the black-laid will be found to adhere, and a brilliant polish be the result.

## Elaborate Handbags.

You carry a handbag this winter whether you are fashionable or not. Handbags are not fashion whims, as they were last winter. They have become sartorial necessities. They are carried as one puts on a hat, or gloves, or a muffler.

So the bag itself is no trademark of fashion. But by some discrimination about bags you can be very smart, indeed. For dress occasions you will carry a circle bag of woven gun metal links, the links elaborately designed, and sometimes forming a pattern. And in place of the jewel-mounted handle there will be a plain, heavy gun metal bar. The sole decoration, and one wholly new and artistic is the painted medallion set in the center of the front of the bag.

This medallion may be any pretty fancy head, a copy from a famous old miniature, or a modern miniature of one's self or a friend. They are oblong and about an inch or an inch and a half high.

These miniatures are also set in the new elaborate gold and silver mesh bags, but never in leather or silk. Gold and silver mesh bags are in elaborate links, flat round, fancy edged and often richly engraved.

Where the Ice King lives, in the frozen north, fur is the prevailing fashionable material for the clothes of women and men alike.

The Alaskan belle has to consider practical use as well as beauty in designing her winter wardrobe. To her never falls the easy lot which so many of our American girls enjoy.

Her lot in life is mapped out for her, and it includes plenty of hard work and constant exposure to the biting air of her ice-bound native land.

To her fall many tasks which American women would unhesitatingly classify as "man's work." Each Alaskan maid has to rear, tend and train her own reindeer. She must harness, break and drive it. On her reindeer sledge she must go flying across the snow in the teeth of the bitter winter gale and gather driftwood or carry home the meat of game killed by father or brother.

This seems a hard life. To face it would strike terror to the hearts of women in milder climates and carefully guarded from exposure. But our northern sister has no thought of needing pity. The icy air is like wine to her hardy frame. Her warm blood dances through her young veins, and her eyes sparkle as brightly as the sunbeams on the glittering icebergs among which she lives.

Nor is she indifferent to her dress, though silks, velvets and laces are unknown to her. A spotted fur is as pleasing to her taste as the latest veils to the American girl.

No doubt, too, the sturdy Alaskan youth finds his fair country woman as lovely as any more tenderly nurtured daughter of milder climes.

## EVENING GOWN IN STYLE OF 1830

The Smart 1904 Woman Follows the Fashions of Her Grandmother.

The modish skirt is very full and round, but falls in soft, full folds, and shows long, flowing lines. At a muscled one the evening a handsome gown was worn by one of Washington's smart women. It was a modern adaptation of the style of 1830.

The material was mousseline de sole, and had a draped pointed bodice and a

bertha of old Limerick lace, with a garniture of pale blue panne velvet.

The skirt was very full, hanging in graceful folds around the figure. It was ornamented at the bottom with sprays of embroidery of steel blue chiffon roses studded with paillettes.

This gave a touch of color and a thoroughly chic finish.



OF STEEL BLUE CHIFFON AND ROSES.

## Gray Hair Is Now the Fashion.

Here's a new state of things! Gray hair is no longer to be dreaded. Instead, society women now welcome the coming of gray hairs.

Not long ago Titian brown hair was the ultra smart hair to have. If one's own hair didn't happen to grow in that fashionable artistic shade, a pilgrimage was at once taken to Paris for the purpose of changing dusky locks, gold locks, and gray locks to Titian brown.

In that gay city where fads and fashions spring up in a day, an odd little Frenchman lived on the Rue de Rivoli, who had learned well the art of changing any hair to Titian brown. His customers were principally Americans, and his prosperity for the time being was great.

But now things have changed. The little Frenchman who could produce such exquisite shades of Titian brown hair finds business dull. The fad for dyeing the hair has gone out, and the women of the smart set are welcoming with joy every new gray hair that appears.

Some say the new fad started when William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., brought his new bride to New York, for Mrs. Vanderbilt's hair is thickly sprinkled with gray.

Today the gray hair is treasured, and hair dressers are instructed not to hide the gray lock, but to arrange it so it will be conspicuous in the coiffure and show to its best advantage.

## To Make a Home Happy.

Learn to govern yourself and to be gentle and patient.

Guard your temper, especially in seasons of ill health, irritation and trouble, and soften it by prayer and a sense of your shortcomings and errors.

Remember that valuable as 's the gift of speech, silence is often more precious.

Do not expect too much from others, but remember that all have some ill nature, whose occasional outcropping we must expect, and that we must forbear and forgive, as we often desire forbearance and forgiveness ourselves.

Never retort a sharp angry word. It is the second word that makes the quarrel.

Learn to say kind and pleasant things whenever the opportunity offers.

Little self-denials, little homelies, little passing words of sympathy, little nameless acts of kindness, little victories over favorite temptations—these are the silent threads of gold which, when woven together, gleam out brightly in the pattern of life.

## The Choice of House Draperies

On entering a home the first impression given should be one of home-like warmth, and the absence of stiffness found in hired interiors.

Light is an important essential, and comfort should be so evident that gloom and darkness are dispelled.

As a rule, the hallway or entrance is so arranged, especially in the city house or apartment, that it resembles a gloomy vault. This fault can be remedied by using some of the new chintz for curtains. The glazed surface and translucent shade of this material give the appearance of stained or painted glass when it is tacked closely to the hall window or glass door. Then, too, a dado or wainscoting of green or red and an abundance of artificial light will help to make up for the deficiency in sunlight.

### New Velvets.

There is a beautiful new panne velvet, with cotton back, which comes fifty inches wide, and make a fine frieze decoration. A stretch of the goods along the side wall of the hall will not only give a decorative effect, but will make the hall seem lighter. This panne comes in exquisite colors, and is an inexpensive medium for making handsome draperies, as it has a tapestry border of forty-two inches. Some of the panes have stripes with shimmer of gold which makes them especially desirable for doorway hangings in a dark hall with a frieze of the same material. Colonial yellow is a good color scheme for such a hall, as it gives the effect of sunlight without having the warmth of red or the glare of green.

The prevailing style of double-faced curtains, which are used for windows and doors as well, is a good one. Two kinds of materials are fagoted together, or joined by stripes of embroidery. This enables the housewife to carry out the general color scheme of a room.

Something new in portieres are those made of denim with a border of applique leather. The leather is very soft, and is applied so that it will not interfere with the draping of the curtains. The crinkled tapestry of reseda color, with a design of sheepskin, calfskin, or Russian calf leather on velvet, is exceedingly handsome.

Cretonne is a material which seems to be full of uses and possibilities, and is growing in favor. For summer decorations it is unsurpassed for draperies, canopies, counterpanes, and dressing tables. Some of the newest cretonnes look much like damask, the subdued coloring giving a rich appearance.

### Something New.

The colonial lace is new. It has the appearance of patiently made needlework of the Brussels pillow lace type of 1800, known as the point d'Angleterre.

These curtains are especially pretty and appropriate for rooms furnished in old mission, Dutch or colonial styles.

Khaki has a great deal to recommend it to the economical housewife for covers for furniture and indeed for upholstery of washable linen, combined with the beautiful sheen of silk. As it launders well, it is admirably adapted for summer drapery purposes, and may be even used for curtains. Its color of light brown or ecru does not wear away, and for this reason it is useful for table and ottoman covers and cushion tops.

A new covering for the shelves of china closets is an emuroided lawn, in colors as well as in white. It is designed to go over the edge of the shelves in place of the once popular but impractical oilcloth or paper. It is decorative enough to appear in the dining room behind glass doors, and only costs from 8 to 12 cents a yard.

We wise people of the present day may laugh at the old term, "beauty sleep," nevertheless complexion specialists and doctors invariably tell one that the long sleep should be well under way before the witching hour; and, furthermore, in this strenuous age women need eight hours' sleep at least. For the due repair of bodily waste and for complete recuperation, prolonged and profound sleep is essential.

Tea and coffee partaken of late at night are sleep murderers in nine cases out of ten. People who study late and endeavor to keep themselves awake by means of these potations, are really taking the part of folly in the pursuit of wisdom. A little learning in the small hours is a dangerous thing.

The silly habit of bleaching the hair with peroxide of hydrogen is not so common as formerly. It does not pay; each application makes the hair lighter, and nature generally is an artist and chooses her colors rightly.

## HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS TO BUSY HOUSEKEEPERS

### MENUS FOR TOMORROW.

BREAKFAST.	LUNCHEON.	DINNER.
Stewed Prunes.	Ham Croquettes.	Vegetable Soup.
Cereal.	Boiled Potatoes.	Braised Beef with Vegetables.
Soft Boiled Eggs.	Pickled Onions.	Summer Squash.
Breakfast Bacon.	Proscuitos.	Fried Oyster Plant.
German Fried Potatoes.	Cocoas.	Green Peas.
Coffee.		Custard Pie. Coffee.

## SEASONABLE FOOD SUPPLIES ON MARKET BENCHES.

Provisions were a little more plentiful today and the Center Market stand-keepers clipped off a little from their prices. Buying was not brisk.

Veal sold for 20 and 25 cents a pound. Veal liver brought 30 cents a pound. Round steak went for 15 cents, sirloin was purchased for 20 and 25 cents a pound, and porterhouse steak was sold for 25 and 30 cents a pound. Roast beef brought 10 and 12 cents a pound. Corn beef went for 5, 8, and 10 cents a pound. Hamburger steak was bought for 15 cents a pound. Lamb chops sold for 20, 25, and 30 cents a pound. Pork chops were quoted at 12½ cents a pound, and the same price was asked for fresh country sausage.

Fresh tomatoes are still on the market, selling for 25 cents a pound. Seventy-five cents a box is asked for strawberries. Turnips went for 20 and 25 cents a half peck. The same figures were quoted on spinach. Kale sold for 15 cents a half peck. Fifteen, 20, and 30 cents apiece was asked for cauliflower. Potatoes, both kinds, brought 25 cents a half peck. New potatoes were sold for \$1 a peck. Onions were purchased for 12 cents a quarter of a peck and canned tomatoes sold for 10 cents each or three for 25 cents.

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